

Occupational and Wage Characteristics -- Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the occupational category with the most employees is Office and Administrative Support occupations. The highest paying occupations are those in Legal and Management occupations. For comparison, the average annual wage for the U.S. is \$37,440 and the average hourly wage is \$18.00.

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Occupational and Wage Characteristics, November 2004
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Occupational Category	Employed Persons	Distribution	Hourly Wage		Average Annual Wage
			Average	Median*	
Management occupations	186,900	6.7%	\$47.21	\$44.53	\$98,190
Business and financial operations occupations	199,800	7.1%	\$33.11	\$30.91	\$68,860
Computer and mathematical occupations	194,980	7.0%	\$35.85	\$35.29	\$74,570
Architecture and engineering occupations	69,040	2.5%	\$35.54	\$34.60	\$73,920
Life, physical, and social science occupations	60,510	2.2%	\$36.90	\$36.00	\$76,750
Community and social services occupations	27,320	1.0%	\$22.06	\$19.99	\$45,890
Legal occupations	58,270	2.1%	\$48.14	\$45.01	\$100,140
Education, training, and library occupations	160,580	5.7%	\$23.54	\$21.45	\$48,950
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	55,380	2.0%	\$27.51	\$24.94	\$57,220
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	116,850	4.2%	\$32.59	\$27.75	\$67,800
Healthcare support occupations	42,620	1.5%	\$12.91	\$11.98	\$26,850
Protective service occupations	77,130	2.8%	\$19.10	\$16.36	\$39,720
Food preparation and serving related occupations	195,020	7.0%	\$9.34	\$8.35	\$19,440
Building, grounds cleaning, maintenance occupations	104,260	3.7%	\$10.92	\$10.11	\$22,710
Personal care and service occupations	58,570	2.1%	\$11.90	\$10.08	\$24,740
Sales and related occupations	264,680	9.4%	\$16.36	\$11.14	\$34,030
Office and administrative support occupations	497,320	17.7%	\$17.61	\$15.75	\$36,620
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,360	0.0%	\$12.62	\$10.86	\$26,240
Construction and extraction occupations	137,640	4.9%	\$18.65	\$17.19	\$38,790
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	97,510	3.5%	\$19.95	\$18.99	\$41,500
Production occupations	67,640	2.4%	\$15.87	\$14.08	\$33,010
Transportation and material moving occupations	129,020	4.6%	\$14.83	\$12.50	\$30,840
All Occupations	2,802,400	100.0%	\$23.51	\$18.39	\$48,900

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* The median is the middle of a distribution: half the values are above the median and half are below the median.